

Dear Westwood Resident,

**You're cordially invited to welcome the addition of your new neighbor at Gritman Park on Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup> at 10:00AM.** The Westwood Shade Tree Committee has selected Gritman Park for our Arbor Day Celebration, where we will plant a new tree near the Meadow Lane entrance. We will also have free tree saplings available on a first come, first serve basis. What a perfect way to welcome your new tree neighbor by planting young trees and expanding our borough tree canopy.

**Did you know that you can also receive a free tree for your curb line?** Please visit our Shade Tree Committee page on the Borough of Westwood website [www.westwoodnj.gov](http://www.westwoodnj.gov) for the tree request link or scan this QR code with your smartphone:



**Shade Tree Request Form QR Code**

A healthy shade tree canopy is vital for suburban communities as trees absorb carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) and release oxygen back into the air. In just one year, an acre of mature trees can absorb the amount of CO<sub>2</sub> produced by driving a car 26,000 miles. This same acre of mature trees can provide enough oxygen for 18 people. Here are some other benefits of having a tree canopy:

- Trees cool community streets by providing shade and releasing water vapor in the air through their leaves.
- Trees conserve energy by reducing air conditioning needs by up to 50%.
- Trees create a habitat for wildlife.
- Trees reduce water pollution by preventing stormwater runoff.
- The leaf canopy muffles the noise from roadways.
- Trees shield children and adults from ultraviolet rays.
- Trees increase property value.
- Trees provide aesthetic beauty while also cleaning the air.

The Westwood Shade Tree Committee looks forward to your attendance at the 2022 Arbor Day Tree Planting Celebration at Gritman Park on April 30<sup>th</sup> at 10:00AM!

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